

Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs

Home and Community Care

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2006

Attendance:

Liz Morancy, Chair; Alzheimer's Association

Alan Tavares, Vice-Chair; RI Partnership for Home Care

Paulla Lipsey, DEA

Michelle Szylin, DEA

Donna M. Cone, Ph.D, DEA

Jean Anderson, VNS Newport and Bristol Counties

Dolores Dupre, Alternative Care

Arthur Plitt, Governor's Commission on Disabilities

Dottie Santagata, Cornerstone Adult Services

Karen Beauchene, VNA of Care New England

Jay Burdick, Diocese of Providence

Gloria Williams, AARP

Dianne Kayala, Department of Human Services

Helene Zuffoletti, Alliance for Better Long Term Care

Donna Rotondi, Office of Lt. Governor

Excused:

Maureen Glynn, Attorney General's Office

Frances Campbell, AARP

Marilyn Broussard, AARP

Richard Yacino, Dept. of Health

Absent:

Kathleen Kelly, RIALA

Christian Stephens, NRI Community Services

Meeting was called to order by Chair Liz Morancy at 9:10 am.

Review of Minutes of Last Meeting

**Mr. Plitt moved to accept September 2006 minutes, Mr. Tavares
Seconded.**

**Mr. Plitt moved to accept the June 2006 minutes, Mr. Tavares
seconded.**

**Legislative Update- Ms. Parker of the DEA was not present at the
meeting and Mrs. Rotondi of the Lt. Governor's office also had
nothing to report.**

Home and Community Care Update

**Dr. Cone distributed the Home and Community Care FY report which
described total people served in the DEA Waiver, Co-pay program
and for Case management. It also gave information on the FY 2007
Enacted budget. The figures do not include information on the
RIHMFC Waiver or medical equipment figures. Questions were raised
about the amount of Co-Pay people in day care being so small. It was
explained that most of the day care recipients are Medicaid Funded.
Ms. Beauchesne questioned where the funds come from for case**

management. Mrs. Lipsey explained that the case management agencies can bill the state for Targeted Case management which would be those cases which they service who are Medicaid eligible by either a waiver or a protective services client who is Medicaid eligible.

Michelle Szylin distributed the report on the RIHMFC Waiver and reviewed the numbers with the group.

Priorities for 2007

Chair Morancy indicated that generally the priorities for this group are primarily legislative however if there are issues or concerns that anyone feels could be addressed to bring it to the table for discussion.

Mr. Tavares indicated to the group that he would like to meet some time in November to address the Home and Community Care Award Ceremony for next year. He will arrange a meeting time that most people can attend and confirm the meeting once planned.

Chair Morancy passed out the 2007 calendar for these meetings. November 28, 2006 will be the last meeting until the New Year.

Other Business

As a representative of the RI ADA, Mrs. Santagata indicated that the

legislative grants are not done yet this year and there is a 5% cut in funding. They are concerned as they still have not received the funds from the first quarter grant and they should be receiving the funds from the second quarter now. Mr. Burdick indicated that he spoke to Ralf Rodriquez of the DEA and he indicated they would be getting paid by this week, however they have received nothing to date. Director Russo did respond promptly to their concerns and stated the conversion of the state payment system has caused the delay. Mrs. Santagata wanted the committee members to know that these grants are extremely important to adult day services and asks that we continue to advocate for the 5% to be reinstated.

Motion to adjourn was moved by Mrs. Kayala and seconded by Mr. Tavares